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A method of writing information in a storage layer of a multi-layer optical storage medium including two or more storage layers, including multi-layer recordable and rewritable optical discs. A focus condition of an optical write beam is monitored and the writing process is inhibited in case of an axial focus displacement event. A medium access device capable of writing information in a storage layer of a multi-layer optical storage medium. The medium access device includes a light beam generator for generating a write light beam, a focusing device for focusing the write light beam in a focal spot at a target storage layer, and a write inhibit device for inhibiting a writing process in case of an axial focus displacement event.